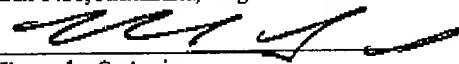


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the above-identified patent application. Favorable consideration of the patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$420.00 and \$420.00 for a two-month extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 as payment for newly added claims.

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